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A Message from the Editor . . .

Thank you for your news. This is your news magazine and it is wonderful to be able to pass all of the news along to others.

As most have seen the address that the organization is using has changed. When you read the President's Report from the Annual Meeting, it will explain what has happened and what is going on with the Alumnae Association. The office and all of the work done by the office is now being done by a core of dedicated volunteers. As editor and chair of the Communications and Publications Committee, the Board decided in June when the office changes took place, to use my box number as the mailing address for a time. This helps to ensure that communications are done in an efficient and effective way.

From June through Homecoming volunteers were in the office at least every Tuesday. This is the most active time of the year for the office and volunteers tried to bridge the gap with the loss of paid staff. Now with the holidays and winter fast approaching, the office work decreases and the needs are different. The office will be open only as needed during this time but the phone messages will be answered as quickly as possible, and the mail will be dealt with daily.

Because of some unfortunate events the email address MGHNAA is no longer available to us and the Web page has been suspended. **We have a new email address: MGHNsgAlumnae@aol.com** and we are working on getting the web page back up and running. Given all of this the following is a way to keep in touch and get your requests and questions answered.

- If there are specific questions regarding members, membership, death notices, address changes, class news, or materials for the Record call or write the office or email Linda Orrell directly at Lindaorrell@aol.com
- If there are requests for applications for loans or scholarships or for the Bertella Tompkins Fund call or write the office or email Marlene Norton directly at Roseycrest@aol.com
- If there are other questions call or write the office or email MGHNsgAlumnae@aol.com

All of the committees are actively recruiting volunteers. Just call or write the office including the volunteer interest that you have and the skills that you can offer the organization and the appropriate committee chair will contact you.

Together though our volunteerism we will keep the Alumnae Association strong and well. Your help and understanding is greatly appreciated. We also know that many have two addresses (summer and winter) but the way that our data base is organized currently we can only have one address in the system. Please make sure that you give us your permanent address when you send in your dues. Thank you.

Please type all materials or if it is easier you can send your news on a computer disk using either MS Word or Word Perfect. If you don't type send news anyway but please try to make the writing as readable as possible so that I can spell all of the names correctly.

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Linda Lass Orrell and Pat Murphy

Annual Reports
of the
MGH Nurses' Alumnae Association
2002-2003

Minutes of the
Annual General Business Meeting

September 27, 2003

1. The meeting was called to order Patricia Murphy @ 9:15am.
2. The minutes of the September 2002 were read as published in the Fall/Winter edition of the **Alumnae Record.** There were no additions or corrections and the minutes were accepted as read.
3. Patricia read the President's Report and it will be published with the Annual Reports.
4. Margery Eramo read the Treasurer's Report and it will be published with the Annual Reports.
5. The following committee reports were read and will be published in the Alumnae Record:

   Linda Orrell: Bertella Tompkins Fund, the Communications and Publications Committee, Bylaws Committee, the Capital Campaign Committee and the Historian report.

   Marlene Norton: Annabella McCrae Fund, the Sally Johnson and Felicia Kulig Fullerton Scholarship Committee, and the Nominating Committee.
6. The ballot, which had been mailed to the Alumnae membership, was presented by Marlene Norton. There were no nominations from the attending membership. 399 ballots had been cast by the membership. Therefore, the ballot, as presented, was accepted as moved and voted on by those attending. The following results are:

   Vice-President- Beth Friedlander
   Treasurer- Margery Eramo
   Board of Directors- Barbara Dunderdale
   Vareen O,Keefe-Domalski
   Nominating-Linda Orrell

   A motion was made and approved by the membership to destroy the ballots.
7. Old Business:

   Because of time constraints, there was no old business. Diane Smith discussed the status of the Capital Campaign at the luncheon.
8. New Business:

   Patricia Murphy expressed gratitude to the members of the Board for all the work that they do.
9. The next Annual General Business Meeting will take place on September 25, 2004.
10. Meeting was adjourned at 10:00am.

Respectfully submitted,
Marlene Norton
Secretary

President's Report

The year past few years have brought economic loss to many businesses as well as to individuals and our association was not spared. These economic downturns at times make it necessary to implement cut backs. After reviewing losses of late 2003, the board met on June 11, 2003 and voted, effective on that date, to eliminate for an indefinite period all salaried positions with the exception of an accountant.

While the decision was an emotionally difficult one to make, it was made with the welfare of the organization in mind. As a Board our fiduciary responsibility was to ensure the economic well being of the organization. With that in mind the Board looked at our expenses and in an effort to not reduce services to members recognized that the only option was to go back to a total volunteer staff. The services to our members and those outside our organization that we work with should not in any was be compromised.

Our hope is that our actions now will keep us moving forward and that by acting quickly we will keep the organization on sound footing.

As we look toward 2004, our 131st anniversary nursing education at MGH, we continue to offer two outstanding continuing educational offerings at a nominal fee. We are involved in the funding for the archives at the MGH IHP, give grants and scholarships and are involved in the capital campaign.

As we move into 2004, we continue to make adjustments to our economic climate by reducing expenditures in the appropriate areas. With these reductions, we will continue to grow as an organization.

We have some lofty goals for next year and with your continued support and understanding I expect we will achieve these goals.

Office Report

Condolences are extended to all family, friends, and classmates of the deceased members.

There are 1051 active members and 63 complementary members currently. We have addresses for an additional 1590 but have lost (no current address) 2245. If you are not a member currently we hope you will join and if you know classmates that are not receiving any of our mailings make sure that they send us their current address.

The membership was asked to vote on the changes in the By Laws of Association. The vote was taken with the ballot for officers and the membership passes the changes as sent. Copies of the new By Laws are available through the office.

The office has been staffed by volunteers since June and we try to keep up with the requests and phone messages. The office will not be open on a regular basis starting after

Homecoming and through the winter months. But phone messages will be picked up and answered. Please contact us via email or phone and we will answer.

Miriam Huggard our long term volunteer submitted her resignation over the summer and she is going to be missed. Her work and knowledge of the organization has kept us moving ahead and she has mentored many on the board currently and those from past boards as well. Our words of thanks to her seem insignificant for all that she has given us. We hope that she will continue to be active and stay in contact with us all.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Orrell

Treasurer's Report

For the fiscal year ending December 31, 2002 the MGH Nurses Alumnae Association received a total of $281,088.00 from bequests, dues, fund drives, donations bank account interest and educational and homecoming events. Of this amount we received $34942.00 from dues and the annual fund drive. Educational and homecoming events that are used to offset the costs of these programs totaled $10,950.00 for a total of $45,872.00 in unrestricted income. Restricted income that is only available for specified purposes totaled $235,216.00.

For that same period ending December 31, 2002, expenses for the general operations of the Association were $96,842.00 for a deficit of $52,970.00. Other expenses that were covered by restricted funds totaled $97,368.00 for a grand total of $194,210 expended.

Fiscal 2002's decrease in net cash flow continues to be due to losses from investments and increased office expenses. Based on this fiscal picture, the finance committee reviewed all income and expenditures and made recommendations to the board to decrease operating expenses.

There were two awards issued to IHP students, two scholarships issued, and no new loans granted for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2002.

A copy of the full financial report is on file in the Alumnae office and is available for review.

Respectfully submitted,
Margery H. Eramo
Acting Treasurer

Communications and Publications

Two issues of the **Alumnae Record** were published this past year. This publication only is sent to active and complimentary members of the association. There has been an increase in the amount of news items received. Please remember that items that are not received by the deadline will be included in the next edition. Thank you to all who submit items. If your class never has news listed then you should take it upon yourself to get some news and send it in.

The other publication of the Alumnae is **Beyond the Cap** and it is sent to all graduates for whom we have addresses. These issues are distributed in between the editions of the Alumnae Record. We have received questions and concerns about the name of this publication. It is not meant to mean that the Cap is history but rather that as nurses and nursing has evolved we continue and even if we do not wear our cap in our work it is still a very important symbol of our entry into the profession of nursing.

Our email address has changed and because of some unforeseen problems our web page is no longer available. We are trying to get it back up and operational. If you have skill in doing web pages and wish to volunteer for the association please let me know. Please make a note of the new address: mghnsgalumnae@AOL.com

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Lass Orrell
Chairperson

Program Committee

The program committee worked to put together two contact hour continuing education programs that were held in the spring and fall at the MGH. Both programs were well received and were very successful. The program committee also put together the Saturday Homecoming program with speakers from the MGH and the IHP giving updates to those present.

Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth Friedlander
Chairperson

Annabella McCrae Loan Fund

This year the Annabella McCrae Loan Fund gave one loan for a total of $4,000.00 with the same amount to be disbursed in the late winter. There are three loans that are being paid in a timely manner.

We continue to offer low interest educational loans (4%-2%) for tuition to those pursuing their nursing or related education. There are no prepayment penalties and interest begins to accrue in the second year of repayment. Requirements include remaining a paid up

member of the alumnae for the duration of the loan. See application form for other requirements.

Nurses can apply for loans up to a life time amount currently of $8,000.00. Applications may be obtained from the Record, Beyond the Cap or from the Alumnae Office. We request applications to be submitted by May, but will welcome them at other times of the year.

Respectfully submitted,
Marlene Norton
Chairperson

Sally Johnson
Felicia Fullerton Scholarships

This year the committee received only one application for a scholarship.

The committee is pleased to award a Fullerton scholarship to Suzanne Fusini-Collins, class of 1981, who is pursuing her MBA in Business Administration .We wish her the best as she continues her education.

The Johnson Scholarship was not given and continues to grow financially.

To apply for a scholarship, please contact the Alumnae office for an application. Requirements to apply are listed on the application, which also is published in the Record. They include being an active (dues paid) member of the Alumnae.

Each nurse is eligible to apply and reapply for scholarship awards up to a total of $8,000 over a lifetime. The scholarships are **only** for tuition costs.

Respectfully submitted,
Marlene Norton, Chairperson
Lucy Nisotel-Tannenbaum
Carolyn Wortman

Bertella Tompkins Fund

In the past year the fund has received one request for financial assistance for medical needs, which was granted. We invite graduates in need to contact the committee.

Respectfully submitted,
Marlene Norton
Chairperson

Hospitality/Service Committee

We continue to try and keep in touch with older and frail alumnae but we depend on you, the alumnae, keeping us informed of shut-ins and anyone alone or in the hospital who would appreciate hearing from us. Last Christmas we sent small remembrances to about 20 members and Christmas letters to the senior classes.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Caira
Chair

Historian

It has been an interesting year with many things to report. We continue to pursue oral history videos of senior members of the association and to maintain the archives in the Alumnae Office.

We also have worked with the IHP and had the Board approve the transfer of funds to the IHP for the development of an archive at the IHP. This area will have all of the historical data from the School of Nursing. Ann Caldwell will speak to this later in the day. (editors note: this is included in the article from the IHP in this edition)

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Lass Orrell

Nominating Committee

Once again this year the nominating committee had to work very hard on recruiting candidates to serve on the Alumnae Association Board. The board represents all of the members and we need you to volunteer and offer to be on the ballot.

Please remember if you are interested in becoming more involved with the association and can attend meetings in Boston for 6 Board Meetings a year, please call or write the nominating committee at the Alumnae Office.

Congratulations and welcome to all of the new and returning Board Members and Officers. All of these positions are voluntary and new faces are always welcome and encouraged to participate.

Respectfully submitted,
Marlene Norton

IHP Representative/Endowment Fund

The Association continues to maintain a close relationship with the IHP nursing program. The Endowment Fund Committee met and distributed the income from the fund to defray nursing faculty salaries.

The Association also actively participates in the Generalist Completion Ceremony and the Hooding and Graduation Ceremony for the nursing program. We co-sponsored Continuing Education programs in the Spring and Fall with the IHP and the Department of Nursing and will co-sponsor again in 2004. Watch for the flyers on the program.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Dunderdale
Representative

Capital Campaign

Our first year of fund raising has been very successful. To date we have raised $51,169.00. We have raised 20% of the total that we will need to complete the Sculpture. We originally targeted five years to complete the fund raising process and we are meeting our goal. The campaign has been able to secure a loan from the Heslin Fund to cover the costs until to total is raised.

Remember the Capital Campaign when you are planning your holiday gift giving. It is also a wonderful opportunity for your family and friends to remember you with a gift of a donation. Many corporations have matching funds for gifts; please remember that when making your donation.

We will be sending letters to selected corporations and to the physician staff during the second year of fund raising.

The sculpture is an elegant representation of nurses and the art of nursing throughout the ages; nurses who bring special knowledge and skills to the care of their patients. The sculpture represents the caring, the knowledge and the universality of the nursing profession. A miniature bronze will be available at the luncheon for all to see. The artist is also going to create a limited edition (10) signed and numbered miniatures and these are available to all donors who give $10,000.00 or more.

I want to thank all the people who have contributed to the success of the Capital Campaign to date. It has been delightful to watch the fund grow over the year. If you have not donated yet or have not donated for this year, please make your donation today and make plans to visit once it is in place at the MGH. The dedication will be held during Nurse Recognition Week in May 2004.

Repectfully submitted,
Diane Smith
Chairperson

Homecoming – 2004

Homecoming was attended by 155 alumnae members and guests this year. Nancy Schon, the artist who has been commissioned to create the Sundial Sculpture, joined us for lunch and spoke about her concept and feelings about the sculpture as well as showing a bronze miniature of the sculpture.

The reunion year classes were also acknowledged. The oldest class represented was the class of 1937, Elva Proctor. Gertrude Barr and Ruth Farrissey represented the class of 1938 celebrating their 65th anniversary. And June McNelis class of 1943 was the only one from her class celebrating her 60th anniversary. The 50th anniversary year, class of 1953 had a large number of the 28 who attended complete with caps. And one even had on the full student uniform including the black shoes and stockings, an amazing sight! The 40th anniversary year class of 1963 had 39 members present. The class of 1978 had 4 members for their 25th. Many thanks to the following members of the class of 1953 for their gift of $775.10: Winifred Witt, Jean Moen, Judith Hatchett, Marlene Lester, Mary Priest Sampson, Beth Thomson, Marily Chabot, Mary Calhoun, Marie Williams, Margart Ahearn, Gloria Buzzell, Jean Bogg, Jacquelyn Higgins, Phyllis Richardson, Louanne Pratt, and Ruth Sundenfiel. The class of 1958 gave $1735.00 in memory of the deceased members of the September section to the Capital Campaign. Many thanks to all.

It was a wonderful day and hopefully next year more alumnae will be able to attend.

Homecoming Photos

Photos included in this issue may be ordered through FAYFOTO, 45 Electric Avenue, Boston, MA 02135, telephone 617 267 2000. All reunion year photos should be ordered by year. Copies are available in 5 X 7 size for $10.00 and 8 X 10 for $15.00 each. The price includes postage and handling. Orders should include the year and section, a check covering the cost of the order payable to Fayfoto, your full mailing address as well as phone number. Please allow 4 – 6 weeks for delivery.

Balfour Items for Sale

Balfour still supplies the MGH nursing pin, to order you need to specify the Spec. Ref.#143990 and the die # S229. The cost (as of September 2002) plus state tax is as follows: 14 k yellow gold at $190.00, 10 k yellow gold at $145.00, gold filled at $63.00. Order from Balfour: O'Brien & Johnson Inc. 1 800 972 5398 Att: Carol Esmeraldo.

M G H CAPS
Are currently not available

Price List Gift Items – 2003

Key Ring (MGH Pin)	**$20.00**
Tote Bag (small)	**$15.00**
Note paper (10 cards)	**$10.00**
Mugs	**$10.00**
Umbrella Blue	**$15.00**

For each order please add $4.50 to cover postage and handling.

Send your order with a check to cover the items requested to the Alumnae Office.

Please allow 2 – 3 weeks for delivery.

Matching Gifts

Today more companies are letting employees determine where their charitable donation dollars are spent. This is done through a "Matching Gift" program. The major criteria most corporations have to determine if donations can be matched is that the donation is to a designated 501c-3 non-profit organization. The company also requires that the organization receiving the funds fill out their matching gift form and return it with the proper tax information for their records.

If the company you work for offers a "Matching Gift" program, remember your donations to the Alumnae Association are probably eligible. Check your company policy today. Then when you send your donation, send us the company form for matching funds and we will do the rest. Help the scholarship funds grow by doubling your donation through the Matching Gift program where you work.

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Scholarships and Loan Funds

The last two pages of this edition include the applications and requirements for both the scholarship monies and the loan funds available from the Alumnae Association for active members. Please read them and if you are in school or are returning to school and are eligible for either submit your application by the deadline dates listed.

Applications should be sent to the Alumnae Office, Att: Scholarship or Loan Fund. If you have any additional questions call or email the office.

Homecoming 2004

Next year Homecoming will again be at the Radisson Hotel Boston. In order to assist reunion years and those coming from a distance we will secure a room block at the hotel at a reduced rate (parking is additional). Space available is limited so make your reservations early. You should call the hotel directly at 617 482 1800 or the toll free reservation number 800 333 3333. When making your reservation asking for the MGH Nurses Alumnae Association Group rate. Space is very limited so book early and the hotel has already said that reservations made after September 1, 2004 will only be on a space available basis and **not** at the group rate but at the prevailing room rate. Remember this is prime foliage time in New England.

Also do not forget the CE program that is held all day on the Friday before Homecoming. So make your plans to attend both days. The agenda and registration forms for both of these programs will be published in the summer edition of **Beyond the Cap**. Watch for them and register when the issue arrives but if you want to stay at the hotel do that sooner to guarantee space.

The Worcester County MGH Club lost one of the founding mothers, Annette Heinzle Desmarais. She was the leader of the group until two years ago when she stepped down because of failing health. The entire group will miss her and remember her with love.

The Boston Globe ran an article on *'Asssisted' living means they help themselves* and one of the featured people, in both text and photo caption, was Miriam Huggard who at the age of 92 stills lives alone on Beacon Hill. Mim joined the Beacon Hill Village in 2002 which offers services to over 300 households in the city.

Do You Own The Set?

A CENTENNIAL REVIEW
1873-1973

THE MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL HOSPITAL
SCHOOL OF NURSING

BY
Sylvia Perkins

Available for $10.00 per copy

The Next Twenty-Five Years
1973- 1998

By
Karen Wolf

Available for $15.00 per copy

Both Books can be purchased as a set for $25 per set.

An Alumnae Tribute

A history of the MGH Nurses' Alumnae Association
And Summary of the 125th Celebration – 1999

By
Linda Lass-Schuhmacher

Available for $15.00 per copy

All three books can be purchased from the Alumnae Office.
Please add $6.00 shipping and handling to each order.

MGH School of Nursing Archives Find a Permanent Home

On October 17, 2003, the MGH Board of Trustees voted to "approve the permanent transfer of the archives of the administrative and educational records of the MGH School of Nursing" from the Countway Library of Harvard Medical School to the MGH Institute of Health Professions, with thanks for their safekeeping since 1980. For more than twenty years, these records have been kept in temporary remote storage, while the Institute has had responsibility for the maintenance and oversight of MGH SON student records and transcripts and for controlling access to the archives stored at Countway.

Miss Helen Sherwin carefully and lovingly organized these archives, comprising 43 boxes of documents, artifacts, photographs and clippings. Relatively few scholars and others have accessed them, as they were never catalogued for public or scholarly consumption. One recent exception is Institute Associate Professor Karen Wolf, who used the archives to author her history of the final years of the MGH School of Nursing and the founding of the Institute.

In early 2001, after the Institute moved into the Catherine Filene Shouse Building in the Charlestown Navy Yard, the entire MGH SON archives were transported to the Institute. With the help of a professional archivist, the condition of the archives was assessed and several items were selected or copied for display in the historical lobby exhibit that traces the origins of the Institute back to the MGH School of Nursing. At the same time, the archivist surveyed possible locations in the Institute's building where an archives storage facility might be created. After a few weeks of intensive scrutiny, the archives were returned to the Countway.

Plans were made and funding obtained from the MGH Nurses' Alumnae Association to renovate a small windowless room on the fourth floor of the Shouse Building, to install appropriate climate controls and lighting, to equip it with proper storage shelves and cabinets and to give the archives a permanent home. The move is to be accomplished by the Spring 2004.

Once the archives are relocated, there are a number of preservation and maintenance tasks to be performed before cataloging can begin. The Institute welcomes volunteer help from among the MGH SON alumnae for the archives project. If you are interested in working on the archives, please contact Hannah Potter (hpotter@mghihp.edu or at 617-726-8003).

MGH Nursing Update

by Jeanette Ives Erickson, RN
Sr. Vice President for Patient Care and Chief Nurse

It was my pleasure to share with you the news of MGH's Magnet designation at your recent Homecoming meeting. In this MGH Nursing Update, I thought that I'd recap our Magnet journey. As you know, this prestigious award by the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC), recognizes nursing excellence. The award signifies that a healthcare organization is a safe, high quality environment for nurses to practice and for patients to receive care. I'm proud to note that MGH is the first and only Magnet hospital in Massachusetts.

The award is based upon the original Magnet Hospital Study published in 1983, which studied the characteristics of hospitals that were able to withstand the significant nursing shortage at the time. The research identified characteristics that fostered and that impeded recruitment and retention of a highly qualified nursing staff.

Nursing research has continued over the past two decades and a body of knowledge demonstrates that not only are Magnet hospitals good places for nurses to work, but patients experienced better outcomes. For example, mortality rates are 4.6% lower and AIDS patients are 60% more likely to leave a Magnet hospital alive. Patients experience fewer nosocomial infections, falls & pressure ulcers. Hospital stays are shorter, and there are fewer ICU days. Patients are more satisfied with their care.

Magnet hospitals are safer places to work, for example, there are fewer needlestick injuries. Nurses who work at a Magnet hospital are more satisfied with their practice setting. In the United States 66% of the nurses are moderately to extremely satisfied in their practice setting. 84% of nurses at Magnet hospitals are moderately & very satisfied. At the MGH 90% of the nurses responding to an annual survey are satisfied & very satisfied. This is further evidenced by a vacancy rate of 3.1% at MGH compared to 8% in Magnet hospitals and 13% in the US. Likewise, the turnover rate at MGH is 5.2% compared to 12% at Magnet hospitals and 15% in the nation.

Following the original research, hospitals soon wanted to be known as "magnet hospitals" and the ANCC began to draft standards based on the research. In 1994, the first hospital in the US applied for this award. The number of Magnet hospitals has steadily increased and the first international Magnet hospital was designated in 2002. As of September 2003, there are only 85 Magnet hospitals in the world.

The application process is a challenging one; less than 70% of applicants are successful. Applications are comprised of two components: submission of written evidence followed by a site visit. In the fall of 2002, work began in earnest to gather our best examples of how MGH met or exceeded 14 standards and 95 criteria. The standards of care and professional performance recognize excellence in:

- the management, philosophy and practice of nursing services;

- adherence to national standards for improving the quality of patient care services;
- leadership of the chief nurse executive/team in supporting professional practice and continued competence of nursing personnel; and
- understanding and respecting the cultural and ethnic diversity of patients, their significant others, and health care providers.

To prepare the evidence, a Magnet Steering Committee and four workgroups were organized to study each criterion; gather the best examples to submit, and draft and review evidence. A Writer's Group was convened to translate all of the evidence into one voice.

On January 9, 2003, 2,305 pages of written evidence were submitted. Our Magnet appraisers spent two months carefully reviewing the information. Of note, they did not request any additional information or ask any questions for clarification.

A site visit was scheduled for June 10 – 12, 2003. The purpose of the visit was to verify, clarify and amplify the written evidence submitted. In preparation for the site visit, 177 Staff Nurses were enrolled as Magnet Champions. Their role was to share key information with all staff members, help identify additional unit examples to support written application, and to encourage involvement of everyone in the visit.

During the visit, the appraisers attended Collaborative Governance group meetings and a Clinical Performance Management team meeting. They met with Clinical Recognition Program Advanced Clinicians and Clinical Scholars and had lunch and dinner with randomly-selected groups of Staff Nurses. They met with New Graduates, Nursing Leadership, Hospital Senior Leadership and Trustees, Clinical Nurse Specialists, Physicians, Human Resources and Community Leaders. They also attended a Nursing Grand Rounds which presented a multi-disciplinary panel discussion regarding an case study focused on ethical decision-making.

Most importantly, the Magnet appraisers visited the patient care units. On the units, they spoke with staff nurses, other members of the health care team, and patients focusing on how nursing care is planned and delivered and how the interdisciplinary team works together to assure continuity of care. They asked about orientation, support for new graduate nurses, mentoring, continuing education, and support for nurses wishing to advance their education. They wanted to know about staffing and delegation, and were very interested in nursing research and evidence-based practice. Finally, they were most interested in performance improvement activities. Magnet hospitals not only are the best of the best, they continually raise the bar on how to improve patient outcomes and the practice environment.

At the summation of the site visit, the Magnet appraisers shared their perceptions of nursing at MGH. Here is what they told us:

- Nurses at MGH **set the standard** (Physician meeting).
- Nurses at MGH are **involved in everything.** (Sr. Leadership/Trustees meeting).
- **"It's comforting when you're in the hands of a pro."** (Patient feedback).

- **Strong collaboration and teamwork** – among nurses, helping and supporting one another; through nurse-to-nurse consultation across the hospital; and with other members of the team. The collaboration between nurses and physicians is so powerful.
- Nurses are **powerful and empowered**. Collaborative governance teams have tremendous control and influence over decisions about their practice. It was noted that "rounds do not start until the nurse arrives!" Nurses strongly state that they have a strong sense of autonomy.
- **Nursing leadership at MGH is outstanding** – at all levels.
- There is **excellent communication between leadership and staff**, including to and from evening, night and weekend staff.
- There is a **strong spirit of inquiry**. Research utilization is a strong point. One nurse noted, "We drive our practice with evidence."
- **Professional development opportunities are abundant** – there is extensive support for certification, continuing education, and advancing education both in terms of scheduling and financial assistance.
- **Nurses are recognized for their clinical expertise** – the Clinical Recognition Program is a new program that is effective in acknowledging growth in clinical expertise, in addition to many other awards.
- **MGH invests in its nurses**, and there is tremendous return on investment. It was noteworthy that staff never mentioned salary during the visit.
- **Everyone talks about the quality of care provided at the MGH** – often heard that they would bring their family to MGH for their care.
- An overwhelming central theme was the **strong commitment to always do what is best for the patient.**

On September 4, 2003, the Magnet Commission met to review our Magnet application and voted to designate MGH as a Magnet Hospital. On September 8, 2003, I received the phone call from the Chairperson of the Magnet Commission informing me of MGH receiving this great honor.

As graduates of the MGH School of Nursing, I know you join me in taking great pride in this award. Thank you for the role each of you has played in making the MGH the great organization it is. Celebrate!!!

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Peter Slavin, MD, President
and
Jeanette Ives Erickson, RN,
Senior Vice President for Patient Care
and Chief Nurse
announce with pleasure that
Massachusetts General Hospital
has received
Magnet Hospital Recognition,
the American Nurses Association's
highest honor for nursing excellence.
This accomplishment is a testament to the
extraordinary interdisciplinary teamwork
that is the hallmark of care provided at MGH.

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Patricia Murphy, President with Beth Hubley Thomson '53
" 50 years and the old uniform still fits!!"

In Memorium

1929	Harriet Haworth Thibault on March 3,2003.
1934	Lois Winifred Hacket on November 2002.
1934	Doris Dawson Knowlton on April 10, 2003.
1934	Louise Richards Davis on August 30, 2003.
1934	Abigail Norris Larkin on July 9, 2003.
1936	Muriel Kearns Brodsky on August 21, 2002.
1939	Susan Pirhall Mesaros on December 16, 2001.
1944	Barbara Johnson Anderson on August 9, 2003.
1944	Annette Heinzle Desmarais on April 7, 2003.
1947	Beatrice Taylor Dunphy on July 1, 2003.
1947	Rita M. Plummer on July 14, 2003.
1948	Doris Williamson Merrifield on April 28, 2002.
1950	Rachel Brown on October 23, 2002.
1952	Dorothy Mahoney on August 7, 2003.
1953	Sandra D'Angelo Hall in May 2002.
1959	Barbara Jean Petroff Henrick on April 29, 2003.

Pearls from the past . . . . or the more recent

Marilyn Marzelli Chabot for the September 1953 class created the following and read it at Homecoming this year as the group bedecked in caps celebrated their 50th Anniversary.

"Black stockings – make sure there are no runs. Black shoes – no scuff marks if you please. Running from Charles Street – hope I'm not late for the 6:50 am roll call. Ready with scissors and pens tucked away but retrievable. Hair short – not to touch that highly starched collar I had so much trouble getting through the buttonholes of the black and white checkered uniform.

Housemothers checking each and every boyfriend as they came through the door – getting in late – 'thanks for signing me in.' Those parties were killers – bathtub booze and few inhibitions – it was a rough day – gotta celebrate we made it through another week, day, month.

Test to be completed – each question had answers from A to Z. Answer them all if you expect to pass. As always, Miss Perkins watching from below.

Running to Thayer. 'Did you pass that damn test?' Scores were posted according to a number that we were given – God forbid anyone should reveal her number.

Baker Building was so different from White Building. We were accepted, marginally. 'You know this is a teaching hospital, and you must put up with the students.' Then we went on to make some lasting friendships with these patients.

White Building patients welcomed us with open arms and any prank that they could come up with. Night duty. Lest we forget. 'Look at that patient wandering down the hall, naked and twirling his catheter in the air. Quick, get him back to bed before the supervisor makes rounds.' Sleeping at the beach with visions of naked men and of supervisors in freshly starched white uniforms dancing through our heads.

'Don't any of you dare step foot in Phillips House.' That's off limits to students except in the kitchen where we are shown how to set the tray with sterling silver and fresh flowers – just in case we ever get to work there as full-fledged nurses. Which, if we are lucky and pay attention, we may actually get to do.

The O.R. 'Oh God, please don't let me faint.' 'I don't think I can hold this retractor another minute.'

Who could ever forget the Bulfinch wards, and especially B3. How we suffered with those patients. With Joy, the lady with myasthenia gravis who lived in an iron lung in the Baker Building. And there was Vinnie who lost a leg, but not his will to live. And the lady with ca of the uterus who loved to have yellow ribbons in her hair. And Mike, the little boy with brain cancer.

Afternoon teas. Yes, there was some sanity to life after all. And who is pouring this afternoon? Let's get down there quick so we won't miss out on the brownies.

McLean was one big New Month party. No problem getting back in – those veranda doors were easy to open. The frost was on the pumpkin while we were there. It was a race to see who acted out more – us or the patients. Never did figure out who won.

On to BLI where we were rescued by the fire department. Spent hours on the roof perfecting our tans. What a thrill when a stranger asks, 'did you vacation in Florida this winter?' In those days it did not take much to bolster our egos! And indeed, they needed to be bolstered from time to time – like all the time!

'May I borrow your dress – you know the strapless one – gotta big date tonight.'

And then we became Interns – what a special time. Getting to choose where we wanted to work. WOW!!! A choice, the first time since we stepped foot in the brick corridor. And a big surprise – the first students to live at Bartlett Hall. What luxury! Three bedroom suites with our own bathroom and closets.

Then the big day. Time to leave the General. Graduation with those beautiful highly-starched white uniforms with at least a million buttons on the sleeves. We were special. We still are special, with this as our foundation – RNs from MGH. We went our to conquer, as ambassadors of MGH and nursing everywhere." 9/27/03

Class News

1929

In a note from Edward Powers:

It is my sad duty to inform you that my mother Harriet Thibault passed away on March 3, 2003. She was always proud of her Massachusetts General education and greatly treasured her MGH pin.

1934

In a note from Douglas Hackett:

It is with regret that I inform you of the passing of my Aunt, Lois W. Hackett. She had Alzheimers Disease and passed away in a nursing home in Easton MA on November 6, 2002. My Aunt was very proud of her work at MGH and frequently spoke fondly of the fine persons she knew there.

1937

Elva Sawyer Proctor
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In spite of my plea in the last Alumnae Record, I have not heard from any '37 classmates except Bunny Simpson MacAffee, Agnes Lang Reynolds and Betty Harting Houghton.

Betty lost her husband, Paul, in March after 61 years of marriage. Our deepest sympathy to Betty.

Bunny recently returned from California where she stood as "best lady" at her grandson's wedding.

Agnes is living with her daughter in Charleston, SC and spent a month this summer with her son in Bristol VT.

I attended Homecoming in September. Our 1937 class was the oldest to be represented. For this I received a lovely bouquet in an attractive MGH Mug. Being old isn't all that bad!

I sat with Ruth Farrisey and Gertrude Snow Barr (class of '38) who were honored on their 65th anniversary. We shared many memories of "way back when" some sad and some hilarious.

The speakers at the morning session spoke on some amazing changes taking place at MGH. The hospital has recently qualified as a Magnet Hospital, one of 85 in the country and the only one in Massachusetts.

An Archives Project is underway. A new room is being built to house memorabilia from the MGH Nursing School. Articles of interest will be collected, starting next summer.

I would love to hear from any classmate, friend or relative of classmate who might have news to pass along.

1947

In a note from her husband:

It is with deep sadness that I report the passing of my wife, Beatrice Taylor Dunphy, on July 1. Bea had been on oxygen 24/7 since a year ago May. She had pneumonia and xrays showed a small shadow. She was at Brigham and Women's until December when the doctor informed us that she could not meet their health standards for surgery. Next to MGH, where Dr Waine agreed to operate on March 6. He removed a cancerous nodule from the lower right lobe. She spent 10 days at MGH and then 30 at Mt Sinai in Waltham. She came home on April 15th to get back on her feet. She made great progress until June 20th when she snuck out to the garden to cut some flowers. Bea tripped and landed on her right hand with compound fractures to both wrist bones. Went to BI where they put together what they could in 3 -4 hours of surgery.

She had good days and bad days. On July 1 we went in for our usual visit. Her condition deteriorated over night. After 3 meetings with the doctors and my children, I made the decision to stop all the pain and suffering. We stayed and talked to her until the end.

We also received a copy of the obituary from Annia Lowe Giger along with the following:

I congratulate you on the cover picture of the Spring/Summer Edition. Those checked uniforms and black stockings brought back many fond memories.

1949

Mary Libbey Morris
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After surviving this incredibly humid and rainy summer, fall is actually a blessing. I received a lovely note from Trudy Walsh-Hynes. All is well; she occasionally hears from Ruth Stronach-Henshaw and enjoys getting together with Jean Lutz-Perkins when she is in town.

Peggy Frasier-Bender had planned to spend some time in Essex this August, however, after one day she fell, shattered her right ankle and had to return to Florida for surgery. She has a rod-plate and pins in the ankle and has been non-weight bearing since Sept. 3rd with a cast. She has been staying with her daughter and will learn Thursday if the cast comes off and she can begin weight bearing with a boot. It's been a long session for her, but she is doing well.

Peggy heard from Blanch Couillard who was recovering from back surgery and said that Kitty Brennan has not been well. Ruth Stronach-Henshaw and Bob spent a rainy summer in Nova Scotia and will be living at the Life Care Center in Miami.; their address is: 911 East Ridge Drive, Miami, Florida 33157, Telephone: (786) 293-0584. They plan to keep their home for a year should they want to return.

Ruth Lowell and Howie spent the summer at the Lake and are just fine. Jackie Auger-Brown had a wonderful trip to Utah, visiting her son and grandchildren, then to New Hampshire for a few weeks. She is back in Northhampton and busy with family and church activities. Peggy also keeps in touch with Janice Miller-Marks and Elsie Bahsler-Peecher and they are both doing well.

This summer I attended my grandson's High School graduation and my daughter Ann, an MGH grad, received her N.P. from Simmons College. Have a healthy winter and please keep in touch.

1952

Dorothy M. Mahoney a long time alumnae member and former member of the Board of Directors of the Alumnae Association (serving as Secretary and President as well as on many committees) died on August 7, 2003. After MGH she graduated from Boston College in 1959 and from Boston University in 1964. She worked as a staff nurse, clinical teacher, and head nurse in Pediatrics at MGH, and as a supervisor and instructor in Pediatrics at Malden Hospital. She taught at the MGH School of Nursing from 1965 until the school closed in 1981. She finished her nursing career as a Nurse Manager at Children's Hospital Medical Center.

Elsie-Mary Barnett
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In July Joan Hutt Beranck was in the area from Florida. Eight of us met in Sudbury at the Wayside Inn for lunch. Those that were there were Joan, Janet Harrington, Inga Morgan Richardson, Barbara Robinson Sallows-Davis, Marion Macnaughton Rose, Cathy Harrington Boyd, Barbara Lumbra Piraino, and me Elsie Hopkins Barnett. We all had a great time catching up with the latest news.

In August our class was saddened by the death of our classmate Dorothy Mahoney. She had been very active in the MGHNAA for many years and will be missed by many.

Barbara Sallows-Davis heard from Pam Martell Brown who wrote that she and her husband, Art, live in Portland Oregon. He teaches part time in Portland and in foreign countries. They go to Kuwait each year. They have 5 children and 8 grand children.

Homecoming was not a great success as only 3 attended from our group: Janet Harrington, Eleanor Jones Young and myself. Hopefully next year we will have a better representation.

We would like more news from our classmates – so please send me news. I will be in Virginia until June and then will be moving to Cape Cod.

September 1953

In a note from Beth Hubley Thomson:

There is no bid enough THANK YOU to express the gratitude I and the members of the September '53 class can send you. We enjoyed every minute of Homecoming from the first Seminar presentation to the last speech at the Reunion Luncheon. You thought of so many ways to make our day unforgettable; the rose boutonnieres, the MGH key rings (several of us plan to put them on chains for pendants).

One of our classmates, Jean Rodrick Bogg, volunteered to collect personal statements from each of the class members. You should receive them before the next deadline for the Alumnae Record. (editors note: as of press time the class news had not arrived – when I get it I will save it for the next edition) I hope more of the class will join the Alumnae Association on the next membership campaign.

We're already talking about our 55th Reunion. Wish us luck.

March 1953

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Dear Classmates,
I can't believe it- we celebrated our 50th MGM reunion! Those present were Carol Folger Graves, Janny Stollerman Litwack, Lucy McNamara McElroy, Pauline Metras and yours truly. We recognized each other immediately and picked up where we left off 50 years ago. Patty Hoar Ostaski and Carolyn Maggi Meadows registered but were unable to

attend. I was happy to hear from so many of you. I'm sure our picture is in this issue. Can you identify us? Please keep in touch with news. Stay well! We missed all of you.

September 1955

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Louise Rigazio Cryts sent an email (hint: this is an easy way for all of you who would like to tell us what you are doing etc.) saying that she is working "very part time" teaching for Genesis Corp. She is also on the board of the Lowell VNA Hospice and the Merrimac Valley Elder Services. She also enjoys a monthly book group as well as a quilting group. She and John have three children. Two are married and they have 5 grandchildren. They do trips in their RV and are planning to travel to Mexico via the Copper Canyon Route next year. She went to South America two years ago and visited relatives in Argentina. Louise has offered to help plan our Fiftieth and we welcome anyone else's suggestions, help etc.

Pat Allen McMillin, who lives in Wellfleet, sent along some brochures from the Sandwich area. Pat thinks that would be a perfect spot for our reunion. She said there are nice restaurants and many different things to do in that area. Pat, along with six others, spent a few days this summer at Dotty Seamens Benham's cottage on Lake Winnepesaukee. She and Rita Whitney Luongo took out a kayak and wandered around the lake.

The "committee" seems to think that getting together at Cape Cod might be the most convenient spot for everyone. We could spend time at the Cape before heading up to Boston for Homecoming. The number of nights spent at the Cape could vary depending on how much time everyone can get away. We are looking into activities that might be of interest. We would have dinner together on Friday night. Audrey Hatch Dunn thought arranging golf time for those who come for more than a day would be fun and Bunny Codi Raak wants to get us energized by leading a morning exercise/stretch class.

But I'll give you a word of warning. Bunny likes a physical challenge. In May she participated in a jogging/walking marathon. She said she left her house at 6am on a cool, dark, drizzly morning wearing a sweatshirt and rain jacket. By 7am she was down to running shorts and a sleeveless top. She was the oldest participant. The day turned out to be warm and sunny. Ray and one of her daughters were at the halfway point to cheer her on. Bunny said the last six miles were the hardest and the final stretch was "torture." So, take her class at your own risk.

I spoke with Shirley Donaghy Hamel prior to her leaving for the winter in Florida. She told me Marie Donovan Kent had sold her house in Canton and had moved to the Cape. Shirley and Marie travel together occasionally.

I received a change of address card from Edna Farrell Ross. She and Art have moved into a smaller house in Uncasville, CT that is better suited for them at this time.

David and I sold our house in New Hampshire this summer. We had been living there for the past nine years. But we both missed the city and decided it was time to simplify our life. We had spent a lot of time going back and forth as the children and grandchildren are all in this area. We are both happy to be resettled back in Cambridge.

September 1958

Ruth Gedies Russo
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Well, Homecoming 2003 has come and gone, along with the celebration of our 45th year since graduation. Thirteen members of our class attended Homecoming: Virginia Brayton Laurent, Joan Cameron Fox, Barbara Dickey Brown, Cathy Goss Newhouser, Lindahl Hume, Judy Madden Fitsimmons, Jane Thompson Long, Sue Truby Peterson, Jane Wright Silveria, and me, Ruth Gedies Russo.

Jeanette Ives Erickson spoke at Homecoming, and we received the very exciting news that the MGH has been designated as the first Magnet Hospital in Massachusetts. This is a very special tribute to the nursing staff of MGH, and we are all very proud of this honor.

Forty-one members of the September Section donated $1735.00 to the Capital Campaign Fund for the sundial Sculpture in memory of the eight deceased members of our class. Later in the evening, more of our classmates joined us for a dinner at the Radisson Hotel to celebrate our 45th. The evening group included Ellie and Dick Perry, Ginny and Pierre Laurent, Joan and George Fox, Irene and Austin Kelley, Janet and Dave Crook, Sylvia and Swight Rost, Dubbie Vilasuso and husband, Phil Sugg, Fran and Walter McCabe, Claire Muldowney Nauen, Peg and Dick Simons, Babs and Dick Brown, Carol Kilrea, Cathy Goss Newhouser, Liz and Bruce Grant, Karen and Dave Hume, Judy Fitzsimmons, Jane and Dave Long, Sue and Carl Peterson, Nancy Wall Alukonis and Steve and myself. We had a delicious dinner and lots of fun and gabbing as only we can do.

Janet and Dave Crook spent the month of August in Central Africa, working with a group from Maine called Central Africa Vision. The group provides conferences to bring about reconciliation, relief at times of catastrophe, and micro loans to widows of men killed in the genocide in Rwanda, to help them start micro businesses to support themselves and their families. Janet was involved in mini health clinics and Dave provided counseling with African leadership and banking customers. Jan and Dave visited Rwanda, Burundi and, I believe, the Democratic Republic of Congo.

As I reported in our Class Directory, Steve and I returned from a three-week trip to Reno Nevada, Las Vegas, and Oxnard, California. The week in Reno for the US Sub Vets

convention, the second week was for a reunion of all who had served on the same submarine over the years, and the third week was a relaxing visit with my brother and sister-in-law, who live in California. We had a very enjoyable trip, and saw the Ponderosa Ranch, Carson City and Virginia City while in Reno. We visited the Hoover (boulder) Dam and Red Rock canyon while in Las Vegas. We did take a ride to LA/Beverly Hills and saw Rodeo drive and all the stores. The street looked like Tremont Street in Boston, but I'm sure the stores were more 'pricey.'

Back to Homecoming day and evening. We ended the evening with a promise to try to contact as many of our classmates as possible so we can have a great "Juliarian" Celebration for our 50th. Holy Smoke, is it possible??

Finally, I owe judy Fitz an apology – I misnamed the order of nuns at her facility – they are the Sisters of St Anne. Mean Culpa, Judy.

Now it's time to get started on working on the 50th – no rest for the weary!

March 1959

Mary Roy, Judie, Bunny, Nancy, Gail, Fitzie, and Mary Caira attended Homecoming.
At Mary and Norm Roy's in the evening, Mary and Norm, Judie and Al Bunny and Vic, Nancy, Gail, Fitzie, Elaine, Barbara and Herman, Mike and Mary.

First and foremost, Mary served a wonderful dinner in her usual elegant manner and surroundings.

News of the group:

Alice – Miles is being treated for Cancer of the prostate, preventing them from joining us.

Gail here from PA – she is retired and spent the summer at the Delaware shore. Ellen and family live 40 miles away, in a Menonite community. David lives on his boat on the coast of Oregon and works in the computer field.

Gene – no news

Nancy – here from Connecticut. She is getting ready to retire.

Mal – had planned to attend, but her youngest daughter has cancer, so she stayed home to help her as she started treatment.

Roz – had just returned from an overseas trip, so did not attend.

Elaine – here from the Cape – she brought beautiful flowers from her garden.

Fitzie – here from New York, she is settled into her new apartment. She is singing with a choir group. She was in Maine over the summer. She went to Italy with Kay (Roy) and family.

Bunny – here from Texas. She and Vic are still working, enjoying their home and seaside condo. They were touring Boston with their family from NJ.

Maxine – she and Ray were in china.

Barbara – she is retired but teaches and occasional class. Herman states that he is retired, but still practices as a lawyer occasionally, is still active with the Trotter Institute of African-American Affairs, and the McCormack Institute of International Affairs at U Mass. Barbara has attended an intense program in Quebec to improve her French.

Ellie – no news

Ruth – did not come as she was involved with a family reunion in NH

Judie – is busy with her travel agency. She is nursing a torn meniscus in her knee. Al is retired.

Mary Romeo – no news.

Mary Roy – busy with mutli grandchildren, near and far.

Sue – no news.

Mary Caira – working full time, hoping to cut to part time next year. Mike is quite disabled.

The Quilt remains in storage, until a suitable, safe display area is available for it.

Other changes:

Elaine's correct email address: JAMELGAN@earthlink.net
Mary Romeo's correct telephone number: 781 272 1631
Mary Caira's new email address: Mcaira44@comcast.net

1959

In Memoriam: Barbara Jean "Bobbee" Petroff Henrick died on April 29, 2003. She was diagnosed with multiple myeloma in December 2001 when she found a lump on her head. The tumors were in many of her bones but the one on her skull was compressing her brain. She had successful surgery then continued with chemo and much monitoring. Initially it appeared she was in complete remission. She received most of her care in

Little Rock, Arkansas at the Multiple Myeloma Center. During her 16 months of treatment she received 2 homologous stem cell transplants and never had the good response that was expected. In the end she flew on a medical transport to Hospice in Middleton, CT and died surrounded by family.

Bobbee practiced nursing in Long Term Care, the OR, and with autistic children in her early career. Then changed to a large pediatric practice where she spent most of her years in pediatric nursing. She had retired several years ago.

She married Francis Henrick and they spent 46 years together raising and loving their 5 children and 11 grandchildren. Most of their life was spent in Westport, CT. After retirement they moved to Old Saybrook CT in the summer and Vero Beach Florida in the winter. Bobbee loved to cook for family and friends. She was the greatest cook and host, enjoyed walking the beach, bicycling and shopping for antiques.

A joyous celebration of her life was shared at her Memorial Service in mid-May. The large church was full of family and friends from many walks of her journey of life including prison ministry, Cursillo, her Christian community and her nursing community.

Her final words to all are: Remember me and know that I love you.

Carol Harris Wilson has now successfully recuperated from her bilateral total knee replacements. One knee developed an infection. After much treatment, repeated surgeries and much anguish, Carol has returned to living again. Getting back to her garden has helped.

Vickie Webster has retired from her career at Maine Medical Center in Portland.

Jane Marie Henrick retired from Boston Medical Center HealthNet Plan in June. She is traveling the United States and will leave for a 3 week trip to China in late October. She has 2 grandchildren now.

1960

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ROBERTA RAWSON STIDHAM writes this note:
The day trip to Martha's Vineyard as guests of Gayle King Lee was fantastic. We loved her home and the adjoining guesthouse. The view of two area ponds and the activity on them was so picturesque. Gayle has a daybed in front of a picture window and sitting there enjoying the view was so therapeutic. Gayle was the perfect hostess and she is just

as pretty as we all remember her. We all have nice pictures of our times together. One afternoon was spent in Edgartown and Menemsha Harbor. The last day we ate a picnic lunch at the Dike Bridge on Chappaquidick Island. Thank you Gayle, it could not have been nicer.
I have not seen any classmates this summer. I called Linda Walker Housman in late July. She was recovering from a "CABBAGE" done in late July at Brigham and Women's Hospital. I was shocked, as was Linda and Ken, to think that she had heart problems. She is so thin and exercises on a regular basis.
A call to Bev Hall revealed that she would like to have us all to her home in Portsmouth, R.I. someday. No hurry Bev, but I'm sure we would all be delighted to have a "pot luck" lunch with you.
I will be in Hawaii when homecoming rolls around this year. The registration form is in the Alumnae Record. If you need one I can make copies. Could we all get together before the "snowbirds" head to Florida in late October? You are all welcome to come to Middleboro or to a centrally located restaurant.
I am anxious to hear about the wedding of Donna's son and where Kate and her husband's travels took them. We haven't seen Charlotte and I do hope that her eye has improved. Do you remember, Pat Beasley Neilson, the co-treasurer of our class? She lives in Falmouth now. I hope that she will join us.
Roberta can be reached at home at 508-946-9373 and email is jorost14163@aol.com.

There was no other news received from our classmates.

I, Louise, did have the opportunity to meet up with my freshman year classmate, Carol DiPalma Forti this summer in Camden, Maine. We had coffee together in the beautiful town of Camden and chatted about everything from family to aches and pains. I had the chance to see Bill again, the first time since 1960. Both Carol and he look great and I would have picked them out in a crowd- they haven't changed a bit. Carol took me to see their beautiful home on the water that she and Bill built. Just breathtaking! What a great place to retire to. It is our hope that we can catch up again next summer for a longer visit.
Just as I was ready to mail this news out, I received yet another newsy letter from Bobbie Rawson Stidham. Its contents are as follows:
Donna Sweeney Harrill and I have made a quick decision to have another luncheon get-together. The date is Friday, Oct 17th. Let's plan to arrive between 11:30 and 12:00 on that day. Donna's and Jim's home is not hard to find. Looking at old directions, they are best reached from 495 or 128 onto rte. 40. RSVP to Donna at the number below and tell her what dish you will bring and she will give you better directions. The Harrills have a good size home and I remember the dining room can accommodate a large crowd.

She suggested that anyone who needs their husband to drive them is welcome to come also. (No doubt our chatter would bore them, but we will feed them well.)

You may recall Donna telling us the story of her deceased mother-in-law's cottage located on the dunes of the North Carolina coast. Yes, it was in the path of Hurricane Isabella but did not even lose a shingle. They were in Alaska at the time. The cottage will soon be demolished and replaced by a multi storied home they have designed.

Have you read GRACEFULLY INSANE, by Alex Bean? The author is a Boston Globe columnist. The book is a biography of McLean Hospital "an institution that for nearly 200 years offered refuge to some of America's most talented thinkers and artists during their downtime". There were originally 340 beds now down to 100. The original 250-acre property has been scaled down to about 20 acres. Remember some of the buildings, Appleton, Bowditch, Codman and Proctor were named after old sea captains. Today the hospital looks more like a college campus. He describes McLean as a "High class hotel for the mentally afflicted". It is a first class teaching hospital of national renown. Guess I will have to take a ride and see for myself.

Please call Donna at 987-692-7910 for more info. Her address is 10 Hidden Valley Road in Westford----01886-1132

No recent update to share regarding Gayle King Lee. I called her this morning (Oct.6,) but got no answer. Will try before we meet on the 17th.

The letter is being sent to,C.Bruce, P.Carden, C.Gordee, A.Collins, M.Gordon, B.Hall, J.Hargraves, L.Housman, K.Latta, G.Lee, J.Ludwig, C.Mallette, N.Merson, L.McDonald, J.Mushial, P.Neilson, K.Stidson, C.Stone, H.Thomson, and E.Venetzian.

Hope to see you soon. Thanks to Bobbie for all the news and now I, Lou, am running off to beat press time.
Let's hear from some more classmates soon.

1977

In an email from Suzan Cohen Blacher:

I've been living and practicing in Miami Florida since 1984. I have been a home health care nurse and an endoscopy nurse. I am currently the Home Health Care Nurse Liaison for South Miami Hospital. I would very much like to reconnect with former classmates. Email suzanb5753@aol.com.

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Student Paper Award

The MGHNAA is accepting submissions from the students of the MGHIHP Graduate Program in Nursing for the Student Paper Award. The awards will be made in October and May annually. Deadline for submission is October 10 and May 10 each year. The purpose of this award is to provide a mechanism by which to recognize outstanding students for creative and innovative writing skills in defining what nursing is to them or a topic of current interest in nursing. The winning paper will be recognized as follows:

- A $500 cash award
- The paper will be published in the **Alumnae Record**

Eligibility and Requirements:

This award is open to all students of the MGHIHP Graduate Program in Nursing at the time of submission deadline.

The paper must be submitted in electronic form for publication (word or rich text format) to Lindaorrell@aol.com and to MGHNAA@aol.com by October 10 for the fall award and by May 10 for the spring award. The paper should not exceed 10 pages including references, tables, and figures. Include your name, email address, mailing address, and phone number with the submission.

Review Criteria:

The Communications and Publications Committee of the MGHNAA will review papers and decisions will be up to the discretion of the committee. The decisions will focus on the ideas presented, writing style, and the general interest of the topic to the members of the Alumnae Association.

Notification:

All submissions will be notified by email when the submission is received and the winning award recipient will be notified by email and in written form within two weeks after the submission deadline.

There were no submissions for this edition of the Record and we hope that there will be some for the spring.

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Massachusetts General Hospital Nurses Alumnae Association, Inc.
Application for the Felicia Kulig Fullerton or Sally Johnson Scholarship

General Requirements:

1. Active member of the Alumnae Association (paid up dues for 2 years prior to applying and for the duration of the scholarship).
2. Application must be received preferably by May 1st or prior to the course of study.
3. Scholarship to be returned if another full tuition grant is awarded.
4. Preference will be given if the degree pursued is in Nursing.
5. A copy of the course registration must be submitted before the check will be released.
6. At the end of the semester, passing grades must be submitted showing the completion of course.

Name of Applicant_____
(last) (first) (middle/maiden)

Present Address _____

Telephone Number/Email Address_____

Permanent Address (if different from above)_____
Date of Graduation from MGH or IHP _____ State currently registered in_____
How long have you been an active member in the Alumnae?_____
Have you applied for or received any other scholarship assistance?_____
If so, please give sources, amounts and date received_____
Which college/university do you plan to attend?_____
Tuition needed for course or semester_____credits_____
Attending full or part time?_____total credits earned to date_____
Any portion of the course cost reimbursed by your employer?_____
When do you anticipate receiving your degree?_____
What degree are you working towards in Nursing?_____other field?_____
What are your future plans in Nursing?_____

Education other than MGH/IHP

College/University	Address	Dates Attended	Credits/Degrees

Professional Experience since Graduation from MGH/IHP: Include position, full or part time, agency and dates. Attach a separate sheet if needed.

I have read the statements in this application and declare that to the best of my knowledge, they are correct.

Signature _____ **Date**_____

Public Law 9338 makes it necessary to have a signature in order to look at your school records. Signing of this application gives the committee chairperson permission to look at your MGH or IHP school records, if necessary. Rev/2002

Massachusetts General Hospital Nurses Alumnae Association, Inc.
Application for Annabella McCrae Loan

History and Purpose:
The fund was established in 1930 by the graduates of the Massachusetts General Hospital School of Nursing and is maintained by voluntary contributions. The purpose of the fund is to provide loans to fully privileged members of the Massachusetts General Hospital Nurses Alumnae Association, Inc. to aid them to further education in the field of nursing.

Amounts of Loan Available:
A sum not to exceed $8,000 may be borrowed per lifetime.

Qualifications of Applicant:

1. Active member of the Alumnae Association (paid up dues for 2 years prior to applying and for the duration of the loan period)
2. Good health and suitable personal qualifications
3. Acceptable academic standing and professional achievement in nursing
4. A copy of the course registration must be submitted before the check will be released.
5. The end of semester grades must be submitted showing completion of the course.

Procedure for Making Application:

1. Application must be returned to the Chairman of the Loan Committee.
2. Application must be received by June 1st of the year for which the loan is needed for the Fall Semester.
3. Application must be received by Sept. 1st of the year for which the loan is needed for the Spring Semester.

Repayment of Loan:

1. The personal signature of the applicant is the only guarantee required.
2. Repayments are made on a monthly installment plan, payments being due on the 10th of each month, commencing three (3) months after completion of the program.
3. The amount of each payment is to be decided by the Committee in consultation with the applicant at the time the loan is made.
4. Interest starts at the beginning of the second year and is 2% of the balance for that year. The rate is then increased to 4% simple interest on whatever balance is remaining at the end of the second year. There is NO PENALTY of early repayment of the loan.

Repayment of loans of $500 to $4,000 are to be completed in three (3) years.
Repayment of loans of $4,000 to $8,000 are to be completed in four (4) years.
Exceptions of the above may be made at the discretion of the committee.

Annabella McCrae Loan Fund Application

The Loan fund is available to active members of the Alumnae Association to aid in further education in the field of nursing. A sum not to exceed $8,000 may be borrowed per lifetime. Repayments are made on a monthly installment plan, due on the 10th of each month, commencing three months after completion of the program. Full details of the loan fund is available from the Alumnae Office.

Name of Applicant: _____ _____ _____
(last) (first) (middle/maiden)

Present Address: _____
(number and street)

_____ _____ _____
(city) (state) (zip)

Telephone Number: _____

Permanent Address: _____

Date of Graduation from MGH _____ State in which you are currently registered _____
How long have you been an active member in The Alumnae? _____
Have you applied for or received other scholarship assistance? _____
If so, please give sources, amounts and date received _____
What College/University are you planning to attend? _____
Cost of course _____ Credits _____
What portion of the cost of the course is reimbursed by your employer? _____
When do you anticipate receiving your degree? _____
Will your degree be in nursing? _____ If not, in what? _____
What degree are you working toward _____
What are your future plans in nursing? _____

Education Other than MGH Diploma: Include name of College/University, address, dates attended, and credits/degrees. Attach separate sheet if needed

Professional Experience Since Graduation from MGH: Include position, full or part time, agency, and dates. Attach separate sheet if needed.

I have read the statements in this application and declare that to the best of my knowledge, they are correct.

_____ _____
(signature of applicant) (date)

Public Law 93383 makes it necessary to have a signature in order to look at your school record. Signing of this application gives the committee chairman permission to look at your MGH school of nursing record, if necessary.

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